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SUBJECT: US DOCUMENTARY ON NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION INCURS CENSORSHIP
AND RAISES FLAP

1. ON MARCH 15, TV GLOBO NETWORK CANCELLED WITHOUT EXPLANATION A PRIME TIME PROGRAM, WHICH WAS TO HAVE BEEN CENTERED ON THE US EDUCATIONAL TV DOCUMENTARY "THE PLUTONIUM CONNECTION." DOCUMENTARY, WHICH WAS OBTAINED THROUGH COMMERCIAL (NOT USG) CHANNELS, INCLUDES DESCRIPTION OF EPISODE INVOLVING DESIGN OF NUCLEAR WEAPON BY UNIVERSITY STUDENT USING OPEN SOURCE PUBLICATIONS. O ESTADO REPORTED FOLLOWING DAY THAT ENTIRE PROGRAM HAD BEEN PROHIBITED AT LAST MINUTE BY FEDERAL CENSORS, WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY EXCISED FOLLOW-ON INTERVIEWS WITH BRAZILIAN SCIENTISTS DISCUSSING NUCLEAR ISSUE AND PROLIFERATION.

2. MARCH 17 ISSUE OF CORREIO BRAZILIENSE (WHICH OCCASIONALLY REFLECTS OFFICIAL THINKING), IN LEAD STORY HEADLINED "NUCLEAR TERRORISM," TOOK ISSUE WITH O ESTADO PIECE AND CLAIMED THAT TV GLOBO DIRECTORS, UPON BEING "WARNED OF THE NEGATIVE IMPLICATIONS" OF THE DOCUMENTARY, DECIDED TO REMOVE IT. CORREIO DESCRIBED FILM AS DESIGNED TO DISCOURAGE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FROM RESEARCH TO OBTAIN NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY, AND FULMINATED THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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AMERICAN TV AND JOURNALISTIC EXPORTS ARE BEING USED SURREPTIOUSLY WORLDWIDE AS A "POWERFUL POLITICAL WEAPON FOR LONG DISTANCE MANIPULATION OF PUBLIC OPINION" WITH UNWITTING COOPERATION OF FOREIGN MEDIA, THE OBJECT BEING TO CREATE HYSTERIA AGAINST NUCLEAR ENERGY AND "UNDERMINE THE RESISTANCE" OF FOREIGN PEOPLES INTENT ON PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT OF IT. ACCORDING TO CORREIO, SOME ARENA LEGISLATORS, INCLUDING SEN. JOSE SARNEY, ARE INTERESTED IN

SCREENING FILM IN CONGRESS, WITH FOLLOW-UP DEBATE TO ALERT POPU-
LATION AGAINST "THE INSIDIOUS POISON HIDDEN BEHIND PUBLICATIONS
AND FILMS OF INNOCENT APPEARANCE."
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